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Man Charged With Arson For Los Angeles Fires

A man has pleaded not guilty to charges that he set more than 20 fires in Los Angeles this year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Salvador Munguia (dob 3/10/71) was charged and entered his plea yesterday in case BA426671 with 19 counts of arson of property and two counts of arson of grasslands.

Deputy District Attorney Sean Carney of the Target Crimes Division said Munguia started several blazes between April and June in urban parts of Los Angeles. Two of the fires were set on dry grass, while others were started in trash cans, on piles of leaves or discarded furniture, the prosecutor said.

There was no major damage in any of the incidents.

If convicted of all counts, Munguia faces up to 20 years in state prison.

Bail was set at \$1.1 million. He is scheduled to return to court July 14 for preliminary hearing setting in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Fire Department, Arson & Counterterrorism Section.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.